

AUG 12 1960

Sanitized - Approved For Release : CIA-RDP75

FOIAb3b

CPYRGHT

ANTI-U. S. CAMPAIGN STEPS UP

Russia Boots American for Giving Away Bibles

(See Stories on Pages 21
and 24.)

MOSCOW, Aug. 12

(UPI)—The youth organ Komsomolskaya Pravda reported today that a young American YMCA man has been expelled from Russia for giving "provocative literature" — including three bibles—to a Russian.

The newspaper identified the American as James Schultz, one of a group of 12 members of the YMCA's National Students' board who were touring Russia. It did not say where the incident took place, or identify the Russian Mr. Schultz is supposed to have approached.

In addition to the Bibles the youth organ said, Mr. Schultz gave the Russian an "American book with provocative contents and also a journal of the same nature."

Officials at the U. S. Embassy and the Inland Travel Agency said they had no information about Mr. Schultz or his reported expulsion from Russia.

The Komsomolskaya Pravda article coincided with a general "anti-spy" campaign against the U. S. in the Soviet press, possibly intended as a prelude to the trial next week of U. S. pilot Francis Powers.

Robert Christner, a 27-year-old student from Sparks, Nev., was expelled from Russia yesterday as a "spy," and the U. S. air attache was thrown out of the country earlier in the week.

The Soviet press also accused the U. S. Embassy of mailing propaganda to Russians.

The labor organ Trud said Mr. Christner—who has denied that he was spying on the Russians—was sent to this country "on assignment of Allen Dulles," chief of the U. S. Central Intelligence Agency.

Trud also charged that Col. Edwin M. Kirtan, of Palo Alto, Calif., the expelled air attache, made 37 trips to Russian towns and cities while he was assigned to the embassy here.

CPYRGHT